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10	BEFORE THE CALIFORNIA BOARD OF ACCOUNTANCY DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS			
11	STATE OF CALIFORNIA			
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13	In the Matter of the Accusation Against:	Case No. AC-2005-5		
14	GARY L. MYERS 18051 Irvine Boulevard	STIPULATED SURRENDER OF LICENSE AND ORDER		
15	Tustin, CA 92780	LICATION THIS CREATE THE		
16	Certified Public Accountant Certificate No. CPA 15151			
17	Respondent.			
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20		AGREED by and between the parties in this		
21	proceedings that the following matters are true:			
22	PARTIES AND JURISDICTION			
23	1. Carol Sigmann, Complainant, the Executive Officer of the California			
24	Board of Accountancy (the "Board"), brought this action solely in her official capacity and is			
25	represented in this matter by Bill Lockyer, Attorney General of the State of California, and by			
26	Timothy L. Newlove, Deputy Attorney General			
27	2. On or about January 30, 1970, the Board issued Certified Public			
28	Accountant Certificate No. CPA 15151 to GARY L.	MYERS, Respondent. The Certificate		
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3. Accusation No. AC-2005-5 was filed on October 28, 2004, before the California Board of Accountancy, Department of Consumer Affairs, and the Accusation is currently pending against Respondent. Both the Accusation and all other statutorily required documents were properly served on Respondent on November 10, 2004. Respondent timely filed his Notice of Defense contesting the original Accusation on November 23, 2004. A copy of the Accusation No. AC-2005-5 (hereinafter the "Accusation") is attached hereto as Exhibit A and incorporated herein by reference.

### **WAIVERS & CONTINGENCY**

- 4. Respondent has carefully read and understands the charges and allegations in Accusation No. AC-2005-5. Respondent has also carefully read and understands the effects of this Stipulated Surrender of License and Order
- 5. Respondent is fully aware of his legal rights in this matter, including the right to a hearing on the charges and allegations in the Accusation; the right to be represented by counsel at his own expense; the right to confront and cross-examine the witnesses against him; the right to present evidence and to testify on his own behalf; the right to the issuance of subpoenas to compel the attendance of witnesses and the production of documents; the right to reconsideration and court review of an adverse decision; and all other rights accorded by the California Administrative Procedure Act and other applicable laws. Respondent voluntarily, knowingly, and intelligently waives and gives up each and every right set forth above.
- 6. In signing this stipulation, Respondent is voluntarily consenting to the adoption of this Stipulated Surrender as the Board's Decision in Case No. 2005-5, enabling the Board to issue the Order set forth hereinbelow without further legal process. Respondent represents that no tender, offer, promise, threat or inducement of any kind whatsoever have been made by the Board or any member, officer, agent or representative thereof in consideration of this offer or otherwise to induce him to so consent.

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7. This Stipulated Surrender of License and Order shall be subject to approval by the Board. Respondent understands and agrees that counsel for Complainant and the staff of the Board may communicate directly with the Board regarding this stipulation and settlement, without notice to or participation by Respondent or his counsel. By signing the stipulation, Respondent understands and agrees that he may not withdraw his agreement or seek to rescind the stipulation prior to the time the Board considers and acts upon it.

8. If the Board fails to adopt this stipulation as its Decision and Order, the Stipulated Surrender and Order shall be withdrawn. It shall be of no force or effect, except for this paragraph. It shall have no evidentiary value, shall be inadmissible in any legal action between the parties, and shall not be relied upon or introduced in any disciplinary, or other action or proceeding by either party hereto. In the event that the Stipulated Surrender is not adopted, nothing recited herein shall be construed as a waiver of Respondent's right to a hearing on the truth of any of the matters charged. Communications pursuant to this paragraph, and consideration of this matter, shall not disqualify the Board or other persons from future participation in this or any other matter affecting Respondent. Respondent agrees that should the Board reject this Stipulated Surrender and if this case proceeds to hearing, Respondent will assert no claim that the Board was prejudiced by its review and discussion of this stipulation or of any records related hereto.

# ADMISSIONS AND FURTHER STIPULATIONS BETWEEN THE PARTIES

- 9. Respondent stipulates that he has not renewed his Certificate No. CPA
  15151 and has allowed it to expire because he has retired from practice and he has no intention of renewing the license, reapplying for licensure, or petitioning for reinstatement in the State of California.
- 10. Solely for the purpose of resolving the charges and allegations in the Accusation, Case No. AC-2005-5, without further proceedings, Respondent understands that, at a hearing, Complainant could establish a factual basis for the charges in the Accusation, and that those charges, if proven, would constitute cause for discipline of his CPA license. Respondent understands that, as provided in paragraph 2 of the Order set forth hereinbelow, in the unlikely

event that Respondent should apply for licensure, the charges will be deemed admitted.

- 11. Respondent understands that by signing this stipulation he enables the Board to issue an Order accepting the surrender of his CPA Certificate without further process. The Board's acceptance of the license surrender constitutes the imposition of discipline against Respondent. This stipulation constitutes a record of the discipline and shall become a part of Respondent's license history with the Board.
- that creates, or tends to create, the impression that any of the matters set forth in the Stipulated Surrender, Order and Decision are without a factual basis. It is not the intent of the Board, however, to prevent Respondent from testifying or responding truthfully in civil litigation or regulatory matters, including where he is required to do so by any court of law or regulatory body.
- 13. The Complainant represents that, pursuant to California Business and Professions Code section 5107, the Board's reasonable costs of investigation and prosecution in this matter are \$5,121.23. Respondent agrees to reimburse the Board in this amount within thirty days of the effective date of the Order herein.
- 14. In the event Respondent does not reimburse, within thirty days of the effective date of the Order, the Board's costs as provided in paragraph 3 of the Order set forth hereinbelow, Respondent agrees that the Board may set aside its Order in the case and take further disciplinary action against Respondent's license without further formal process or formal notice to Respondent.
- 15. Respondent agrees that, as provided in paragraph 4 of the Order set forth hereinbelow, on or before the effective date of the Order, he shall cease using the name "Myers Accountancy Corporation."
- 16. The parties understand and agree that facsimile copies of this Stipulated Surrender of License and Order, including facsimile signatures thereto, shall have the same force and effect as the originals.

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## **ACCEPTANCE**

I have carefully read the above Stipulated Surrender of License and Order. I understand the stipulation and the effect it will have on my Certified Public Accountant Certificate. I enter into this Stipulated Surrender of License and Order voluntarily, knowingly, and intelligently, and agree to be bound by the Decision and Order of the California Board of Accountancy.

DATED: APRIL 11, 2005.

GARY L. MYERS Respondent

# **ENDORSEMENT**

The foregoing Stipulated Surrender of License and Order is hereby respectfully submitted for consideration by the California Board of Accountancy of the Department of Consumer Affairs.

DATED: John 11, 2005

BILL LOCKYER, Attorney General of the State of California

TIMOTHY L. NEWLOVE Deputy Attorney General

Attorneys for Complainant

## BEFORE THE CALIFORNIA BOARD OF ACCOUNTANCY DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Accusation Against:	Case No. AC-2005-5	
GARY L. MYERS 18051 Irvine Boulevard Tustin, CA 92780	O.A.H. No. L-2005010467	
Certified Public Accountant Certificate No. CPA 15151		
Respondent.		
DECISION AND ORDER  The attached Stipulated Surrender of License and Order is hereby adopted by the California Board of Accountancy as the Decision and Order in the above-entitled matter.		
This Decision shall become effective onJune 24, 2005		
It is so ORDERED May 25, 2005	m S	

FOR THE CALIFORNIA BOARD OF ACCOUNTANCY

**EXHIBIT A** 

Accusation Case No. 2005-5

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12	In the Matter of the Accusation Against:	Case No. AC-2005-5
13	GARY L. MYERS 18051 Irvine Boulevard	ACCUSATION
14	Tustin, CA 92780	ACCUSATION
15	CPA License No. 15151	
16	Respondent	
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18		cause of accusation against GARY L.
19	MYERS, alleges:	
20	<u>PARTIES</u>	
21	1. The Complainant, Carol Sigmann, is the Executive Officer of the	
22	California Board of Accountancy (hereinafter the "Board") and makes this Accusation solely in	
23	her official capacity.	
24	2. On January 30, 1970, the Board issued to respondent GARY L. MYERS	
25	(hereinafter respondent "MYERS") a certificate, number 15151, of Certified Public Accountant,	
26	to practice accountancy in the State of California pursuant to the Accountancy Act, Division 3.	
27	Chapter 1, section 5000 et seq. of the California Busin	less and Professions Code. On January 1,

- 10. On June 2, 2004, Investigator Fisher sent a letter to respondent MYERS. This letter had the same content as the letter dated March 4, 2004, described in paragraph 9 hereinabove. Respondent failed to respond to this letter.
- 11. On August 18, 2004, the Board caused to be mailed a Subpoena Duces Tecum, with a supplemental letter, to respondent MYERS. The Subpoena Duces Tecum ordered respondent to produce records in his possession relating to the consumer complaint of J.S. Respondent failed to respond to the Subpoena Duces Tecum.
- 12. In the course of his investigation on the case, Investigator Fisher obtained the following information showing that respondent MYERS was practicing public accountancy under the name of Myers Accountancy Corporation notwithstanding the fact that his certificate of Certified Public Accountant had expired on January 1, 2002, and that Myers Accountancy Corporation is not registered with the Board:
  - a. On or about May 17, 2002, respondent prepared a California Corporation Franchise or Income Tax Return for the insurance brokerage company operated by J.S. The tax return is signed by respondent under the business name Myers Accountancy Corporation.
  - b. In the August, 2003 edition of the Smart Yellow Pages for Orange County Central, under the listing of "Accountants-Certified Public," there appear references to both "Myers Gary L" and "Myers Accountancy Corporation."
  - c. In June, 2004, Investigator Fisher accessed the Internet and the web page of Myers Accountancy Corporation which advertised the providing of "tax services On-Line."

#### FIRST CAUSE OF ACCUSATION

Failure to Respond to Board Inquiry

- 13. Complainant incorporates herein by this reference the preamble and each of the allegations set forth in paragraphs 1 through 11 hereinabove.
  - 14. Business and Professions Code section 5100(g) provides that

unprofessional conduct under the Accountancy Act includes the willful violation of the Accountancy Act or any rule or regulation promulgated by the Board under the authority granted by the Accountancy Act.

- 15. Section 52 of Title 16 of the California Code of Regulations (hereinafter the "Board Regulations") provides, in pertinent part, as follows:
  - "(a) A licensee shall respond to any inquiry by the Board or its appointed representatives within 30 days. The response shall include making available all files, working papers and other documents requested.
  - "(b) A licensee shall respond to any subpoena issued by the Board or its executive officer or the assistant executive officer in the absence of the executive officer within 30 days and in accordance with the provisions of the Accountancy Act and other applicable laws or regulations."
- 16. The certificate of Certified Public Accountant held by respondent MYERS is subject to discipline under Business and Professions Code section 5100(g), for a willful violation of Board Regulation 52, in that respondent failed to respond to the inquiries made by the Board and Investigator Fisher, as described in paragraphs 7, 8, 9 and 10 hereinabove, and failed to respond to the Subpoena Duces Tecum issued by the Board, as described in paragraph 11 hereinabove

## SECOND CAUSE OF ACCUSATION

### Practice Under Unregistered Name

- 17. Complainant incorporates herein by this reference the preamble and each of the allegations set forth in paragraphs 1 through 12 and 14 hereinabove.
- 18. Business and Professions Code section 5060(b) provides that no person or firm may practice public accountancy under any name other than the name under which the person or firm holds a valid permit to practice issued by the Board.
- 19. The certificate of Certified Public Accountant held by respondent MYERS is subject to discipline under Business and Professions Code section 5100(g), for a willful

1	2. Taking such other further action as may be deemed proper.		
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